



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 05552.1464-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Udo KRUPKA) Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No.: 10/561,343) Examiner: Sharon L. Hurt
Filed: December 22, 2005)
For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN) Confirmation No.: 5936
(HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action
(Restriction Requirement) of August 11, 2006. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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